

A STRANGE DEATH.

Mrs. Sherbourne Reported Lost in the Mountains.

The Queer Mission that Took Her There.

She Was a Clairvoyant and Thought She Could Locate Mines.

Two Men Took Her to Arcadia, Where She Expired—Her Body Cremated Shortly Afterward.

A strange story of the death of a woman from exposure in the mountains was brought over from Arcadia a few days ago, since which time the affair has been the subject of considerable comment among the friends and acquaintances of the deceased.

On the night of the 17th of March a buggy containing two men and a woman, who was delirious, drove up to the hotel at Arcadia, a town on the San Gabriel Valley Rapid Transit and the Santa Fe lines, about three-quarters of an hour from Los Angeles.

The men accompanying the woman were very reticent concerning the cause of her illness, and also as to the reason they appeared at the hotel at such an hour with the alleged Mrs. Bertrand.

Shortly afterward it leaked out that the man who had given his name as Bertrand was Dr. J. A. Murray, secretary of Madame Blavatsky, the leader of the Theosophical faith, and that the woman was Mrs. Sherbourne, a follower of the same tenets, and an active worker of the "Divinely Wise" Society.

When these facts were made known the rumors that there was something very mysterious connected with Mrs. Sherbourne's death flew around thickly and threats of investigation were heard, but it was too late for an inquest, for on the 22nd of March, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the body of Mrs. Sherbourne was burned to ashes at the crematory.

The cremation certificate bears the name Viola Sherbourne and states that her age was 35. Her real name, however, is said to have been Mrs. Kate Sherbourne, and the fact that there were three names by which she had been known gave a greater air of mystery to the affair.

A few days after the cremation, when her death became generally known, the rumors began to take shape and it was reported that Mrs. Sherbourne had in some mysterious manner or occult means been informed that she would be able to locate an immense amount of treasure, which had lain hidden in the mountains back of Monrovia, and that ten days or more before she had appeared at the hotel in a dying condition she had journeyed into the mountains alone in her search for this hidden wealth.

It was also reported that Bernard Keithly was supposed to be in another part of the United States and that when seen by one who knew him at the railroad station at Arcadia, pulled his hat down over his eyes for fear he would be recognized.

Mrs. Sherbourne's Movements. It was learned that Mrs. Sherbourne and Mr. Murray had occupied rooms at a lodging house on Spring street a few doors above Second.

thought this had been bridged over. She knew that for some time Mrs. Sherbourne had not been supplied with funds by her husband, and it was probably for this reason that she took a position at the Corfu.

The landlady of the Barker house, to whom Mrs. Sherbourne moved, stated that about two months ago Mrs. Sherbourne came to the house under an arrangement to take charge of the Theosophical library, which was located upstairs. She also had another room, and seemed to be held in very high regard.

Dr. Mohn apparently knew very little about the matter. He was acquainted with Mrs. Sherbourne and knew she had gone off to the mountains under circumstances which might seem peculiar to some people, but what some thought peculiar would appear perfectly natural to others.

Mrs. Stanway's Story. Mrs. Stanway, who resides on Broadway, between Third and Fourth, was more talkative, and told all she knew relative to Mrs. Sherbourne. She had first met Mrs. Sherbourne in June, at a theosophical meeting, but did not become at all intimate with her.

The second annual bench show of the Southern California Kennel Club will take place on the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of May next. Last September this club was admitted to the organization known as the American Kennel Club.

The special rules which apply to the entering of dogs for this show are in brief as follows: Entries close May 1st; dogs will be received after 10 a. m. Tuesday, May 6th; each exhibitor must state the price of his dog, but this may be a prohibitory price; an entry fee of \$2 will be charged for each dog, except for litters of puppies under ten weeks; the charge for such litters is \$3.

The secretary of the club, E. K. Benchley, 14 South Spring, or the treasurer, E. B. Tufts, of Tufts-Lyon Company, can supply intending exhibitors of dogs with the book of rules which the Kennel club publishes.

The management agrees to use due diligence for the safety and care of all dogs exhibited. Watchmen will be on duty day and night. The judge of all classes for the show will be H. H. Briggs, of San Francisco. The place of holding the show has not yet been decided.

Mrs. Smith, who is stopping on Main street, near Fifth, said that she was in Ventura when the death occurred, and what she knew she had learned since her return, which was the day after Mrs. Sherbourne was cremated. She had roomed for six weeks with Mrs. Sherbourne, and was certain that there was nothing between her and Mr. Murray except a warm feeling of friendship.

trouble between Mr. and Mrs. Sherbourne. Mrs. Sherbourne had frequently read portions of Mr. Sherbourne's letters to her, and these certainly did not show that there was any estrangement.

The Clerk's Statement. The only person at Arcadia who knew anything about the matter, was the clerk of the Hotel Oakwood. He was not sure of the date, but it was on the evening before the opening of Frederick Warde in the Montebello at the grand opera house.

Other Particulars. It was learned that some of those who went over from Los Angeles were considerably surprised to hear Mr. Keithly addressed as Mr. Bertrand, but that no remarks were made on the subject at the time.

Until Messrs. Murray and Keithly return to the city the entire facts surrounding the case will remain a mystery.

THE DOG SHOW.

PREPARATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA KENNEL CLUB.

General Rules of the American Kennel Club Applying to Bench Shows. Special Provisions for This Show—Condition of Entering.

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THE WALKER CASE.

Additional Particulars Concerning the Matter.

In connection with the arrest of the Redondo Beach hotel proprietor, M. M. Walker, formerly of Fullerton, for threatening to expose Mrs. F. G. Ryan, of Anaheim, an account of which appeared in the HERALD of Wednesday last, the following additional facts are gathered from the Anaheim Gazette:

Mrs. Ryan for a balance of \$278 on the bill, having raised the amount by \$200 over the item in the original bill. The suit is still pending.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan are highly respected people and wealthy. Mrs. Brooks and Miss Brooks, of Battelboro, Vt., are temporarily visiting them at Mr. Ryan's residence at the Brookhurst orange grove, a mile or two northwest of town.

From the testimony adduced, it was shown that the young man had been sick for a long time past, but was induced to take a short sea voyage for his health, and accordingly he took the steamer from San Francisco for San Pedro a few days ago.

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